THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) There has been no reduction in the allotment of rationed articles to the FPSs in Laxmi Nagar and Nand Nagri.

(d) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration has indicated that there has been no reduction in the allotment of Specified Articles to the Fair Price Shop referred to in the complaint due to the Gulf War.

Extension of Broad Gauge rail lines up to Dibrugarh

1123. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposal for extension of Broad gauge line upto Dibrugarh;

(b) whether the approval has been given by Government for the extension; and

(c) whether the villages to be crossed by the proposed line has been finalised; if so, the names of those villages?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Due to acute constraint of resources, it is not proposed to extend Broad Gauge line upto Dibrugarh for the present.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not airse.

Board Gauge railway line to Dibrugarh

1124. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed broad gauge rail line to Dibrugarh would cross through Kaziranga National Park and Sibsagar Town; and

(b) whether the sanctity of the National Pak would not be disturbed by the Railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. Due to acute constraint of resources, there is no proposal to extend Broad Gauge railway line upto Dibrugarh for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

मत्स्य उत्पादन

1125. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री विनश गोस्वामी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 23 जनवरी, 1991 के 'स्टैटस्मैन में "एक्सपोर्ट पोटेन्शियल आफ़ फ़िशरीज में फ़ाल" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और यदि हां, तो क्या चालू वर्ष में मत्स्य उत्पादन में कोई कमी आने की संभावना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस वर्ष मत्स्य उत्पादन हेतु कोई लक्ष्य निश्चित किया है; यदि हां, तो उसकी मात्रा क्या है और लक्ष्य को पूरा करने के लिए इस वर्ष सरकार ने क्या नई सुविधायें प्रदान की हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जयन्ती लाल वीरचंदभाई शाह) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । 1990–91 के पहले 9 महीनों में मछली के उत्पादन और समुद्री उत्पादों के निर्यात के रुख से ऐसा लगता है कि लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो जाने की सम्भावना है ।

(ग) सरकार ने इस साल के लिए मछली उत्पादन का 38.20 लाख मीटरी टन का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है जिसमें 23.50 लाख मीटरी टन समुद्री क्षेत्र तथा 14.70 लाख मीटरी टन अन्तर्देशीय क्षेत्र की मछली शामिल हैं । इस लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति के लिए सरकार द्वारा इस वर्ष प्रदान की गई नई सुविधा है छोटी यांत्रिक मत्स्य नौकाओं द्वारा इस्तेमाल किए जाने वाले डीजल आयल पर उत्पाद-शुल्क की प्रतिपूर्ति की व्यवस्था ।

Opening of new Division in Western Railway

1126. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals have been received for opening of new Division in Western Railway;

(b) how many of them have been accepted by Government; and

(c) what is the criteria adopted in acceptance of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Since January 1990, 6 proposals for the opening of two new Divisions at Gandhidham and Ahmedabad on Western Railway have been received.

(b) None.

(c) New Railway Divisions are set-up taking into consideration the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and other operational requirements of the existing divisions consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

Allotment of Wheat to Gujarat

1127. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have requested for increased allotment of wheat;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to allot at least one lakh tons of wheat every month to Gujarat; and

(c) whether Government propose to allow more wheat to be sold in open market to bring down the prices of wheat which has gone up in last one or two months?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocations of wheat from Central Pool for Public Distribution System to various States/UTs, including Gujarat, are made on a month to month basis taking into account stock position in the Central Pool, relative needs of States/UTs, offtake trend, market availability and other related factors. The Government of Gujarat has been allotted 95,000 tonnes of wheat from the Central Pool for Public Distribution System for each of the months of February 1991 and March 1991 as against 75,000 tonnes for January, 1991

(c) Food Corporation of India have been authorised to sell a total quantity of 6 lakh tonnes of wheat in March, 1991 as against 5 lakh tonnes in January, 1991 in the open market. The quantity earmarked for Gujarat has also been increased from 17,000 tonnes in January, 1991 to 25,000 tonnes in March, 1991.

Decrease in rail transport

1128. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cut in diesel supplies has resulted in reducing the movement of rail transport leading to rise in prices of essential commodities; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take for the free movement of rail transport?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Movement of freight by rail per se has not suffered as no cut has been enforced in the supplies of diesel oil to Indian Railways for freight operation.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of Railways system with the assistance of World Bank

1129. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the railway system during the next few years with World Bank assistance;